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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **Expedited Procedure-Examining Group 3737** CASE NO. 2001P16465US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:)
Vaughn Marian) Examiner: W. Jung
Serial No.: 09/964,229) Group: 3737
Filed: September 25, 2001)
For: ADAPTABLE INTRAOPERATIVE OR ENDOCAVITY ULTRASOUND PROBE))

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE- EXAMINING GROUP 3737**

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In response to the final Office Action dated March 10, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 11-15, 19-22, 25 and 26 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Drost et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,036,645) in view